Combination vaccine against 4-5 diseases (quadrivalent/pentavalent) has been permitted for marketing by the Government, These are:

(i) Combined DPwT and Hepatitis B Vaccine,

(ii) Combined DPwT, Hepatitis B and Hib vaccine.

These vaccines are needed to be given in 3 doses at an interval of 4-6 weeks.

Food adulteration

1277, SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 has failed to check manufacture and sale of adultered food items in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to bring amendments in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) As per the latest information made available by various Food (Health) Authorities who are responsible for implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 in their respective States/UTs., the average percentage of food adulteration during the years 2000-2003 is 11.3%.

Amendments in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules are an ongoing process, which are made from time to time as per requirement in consultation with the Central Committee of Food Standards (CCFS) which is a statutory Committee set up under the provisions of the PFA Act, 1954.

Failure of AIDS awareness drive

1278. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the awareness campaign for prevention of AIDS has not been very successful in controlling the growing number of HIV inflicted cases;

(b) if so, how Government propose to revamp its awareness campaign for effective results;